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William R. Schmidt, II Wenderoth, Lind & Ponack, L.L.P. 1030 15<sup>th</sup> St., N.W. Suite 400 East Washington, DC 20005 In Re: Patent Term Extension
Application for
U.S. Patent No. 6.114.319

## NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION

A determination has been made that U.S. Patent No. 6,114,319, claims of which cover the human drug product DUREZOL® (difluprednate ophthalmic emulsion), is eligible for patent term extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156. The period of extension has been determined to be 371 days.

A single request for reconsideration of this final determination as to the length of extension of the term of the patent may be made if filed within <u>one month</u> of the date of this notice. Extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) are not applicable to this time period. In the absence of a request for reconsideration, the Director will issue a certificate of extension, under seal, for a period of 371 days.

The period of extension has been calculated using the Food and Drug Administration determination of the length of the regulatory review period published in the Federal Register of July 29, 2009 (74 FR 37716). Under 35 U.S.C. § 156(c):

Period of Extension = RRP - PGRRP - DD -  $\frac{1}{2}$  (TP - PGTP)<sup>1</sup> = 560- 0 - 0 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  (379 - 0)

= 371 days (1.0 years)

Since the regulatory review period began December 13, 2006, after the patent issued (September 5, 2000), the entire regulatory review period has been considered in the above determination of the length of the extension period 35 U.S.C. § 156(c). No determination of a lack of due diligence under 35 U.S.C. § 156(c)(1) was made.

Neither the limitations of 35 U.S.C. § 156(g)(6) nor 35 U.S.C. § 156(c)(3) operate to reduce the period of extension determined above.

Consistent with 35 U.S.C. § 156(c), "RRP" is the total number of days in the regulatory review period, "PGRRP" is the number of days of the RRP which were on and before the date on which the patent issued, "DD" is the number of days of the RRP that the applicant did not act with due diligence, "TP" is the testing phase period described in paragraphs (1)(B)(i), (2)(B)(i), (3)(B)(i), (4)(B)(i), and (5)(B)(i) of subsection (g) of 35 U.S.C. § 156, and "PGTP" is the number of days of the TP which were on and before the date on which the patent issued, wherein half days are ignored for purposes of the subtraction of ½ (TP - PGTP).

Upon issuance of the certificate of extension, the following information will be published in the Official Gazette:

U.S. Patent No.:

6,114,319

Granted:

September 5, 2000

Original Expiration Date<sup>2</sup>:

May 12, 2018

Applicant:

Masako Kimura et al.

Owner of Record:

Senju Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.; Mitsubishi Chemical

Corporation

Title:

Compositions Containing Difluprednate

Product Trade Name:

DUREZOL® (difluprednate ophthalmic emulsion)

Term Extended:

371 days

Expiration Date of Extension:

May 18, 2019

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 41(b).

Telephone inquiries related to this determination should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7755.

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Attention: Beverly Friedman

RE: DUREZOL® (difluprednate ophthalmic emulsion)

Docket No.: FDA-2009-E-0021